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TO: Fish and Game Commission

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SUBJECT: Progress Report of Fishing Derbies Held at Belvedere Park Lake

On July 7 and September 8, 2013 Belvedere Park held its annual Family Fishing Derbies. Both derbies averaged between 550 and 650 participants. The derby registration started at 6:00am and the fishing competition ran from 7:00am to 10:30am. Throughout the derbies, raffles were conducted and the lucky winners received rod & reel combos, Mighty Might fishing poles, or tackle boxes. 30 prizes were raffled at each fishing derby throughout the competition. At the derby midway point, hotdogs, chips, and a drink were served to all participants. After the fishing derby time expired, scores were tallied and trophies were awarded to participants in the following categories: 6 & Under Boys, 6 & Under Girls, 7 to 12 Boys, 7 to 12 Girls, 13 and Up Boys, 13 and Up Girls. Each category was awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Other awards included: Overall Biggest Catch, First Catch of the Day, and Smallest Catch of the Day. These summer derbies attract a lot of participants because fishing licenses are not needed and Parks and Recreation lends out rods to anybody who wants to fish. Every participant is given free bait supplied by Parks and Recreation

On December 22, 2013 Belvedere Park held its annual Holiday Fishing Derby. Approximately 400 participants enjoyed a day of fishing. This event requires a fishing license. The Holiday Fishing Derby has the same features as the summer Family Fishing Derbies. One added perk: all young participants receive a ticket to redeem for a toy from Santa.

These derbies would not be possible without the generous fish donations received from the Fish and Game Commission. Approximately 450 pounds of catfish was delivered for each summer derby and another 450 pounds of trout was delivered for the Holiday Fishing Derby.

Thank you for all of your help to make these fishing derbies special for all the participants in ELA.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at: 323-260-3402.

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